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Managing Energy on Virginia Farms Conference

Cumberland — Soaring energy costs affect every phase of dairy and poultry production. In order to progressively address these issues, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech, and James Madison University's Center for Energy & Environmental Sustainability are sponsoring **Managing Energy on Virginia Farms Conference** on Friday, May 29, 2009. Funded by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy and Virginia FAIRS, this one-day workshop focuses on practical advice for electricity and fuel cost savings for poultry and dairy operations as well as other agricultural entities.

National experts in on-farm energy savings from the Rural Electricity Resource Council and James Madison University will give producers up-to-date strategies for managing and reducing energy use on farms. All dairy, poultry, and other producers who are seeking answers to energy conservation issues will benefit from attending. The workshop will be held at the Cumberland County Community Center 1874 Anderson Highway in Cumberland, Virginia. Beginning at 8:45 a.m. and concluding at 5 p.m., participants will receive information that farm operators need now to save energy without spending a fortune. Also addressed will be substantial energy improvement options and financing upgrades and equipment change outs.

Your investment is your time and \$25 which covers the cost of food and materials. You may register by sending your \$25 check made payable to Virginia FAIRS to Mr. Chris Cook, Virginia FAIRS, P.O. Box 27552, Richmond VA 23261. To register and pay by credit card, you may call Brenda Fleming at (804) 290-1155. Your registration must be completed on or before Friday, May 22, 2009.

The workshop was organized by Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Center for Energy and Environmental Sustainability at James Madison University. It is supported with grants from the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy and Virginia FAIRS.

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